ATTY.'S DOCKET: MOTOYAMA

In re Application of:

Yasuo MOTOYAMA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/762,633

Confirmation No. 9666

Washington D.C.

For: GENES FOR DETECTING
BACTERIA AND A METHOD
FOR DETECTING...

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of February 1, 2002, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-2, 4-7, 9 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer, applicant reserving the right to present these claims in a later filed divisional application.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A gene sequence of a spacer region between a gene coding 16S rRNA and a gene coding 23S rRNA of *Pectinatus cerevisiiphilus* containing the base sequence or the whole base sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:3.